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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **NINE** pages with **TWO** sections only.
2. Shade your answers for **Section A (Questions I and II)** on the OMR sheet.
3. Write your answers for **Section A (Questions III and IV)** and **Section B** in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: TENSES [40 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: For questions 1-10, identify the **BEST** answer.

1. Beethoven _____ some of the most accomplished symphonies in the eighteenth century.
   A. wrote
   B. writes
   C. was writing
   D. had been writing

2. Mathew will study at his favourite university in the States because he _____ a full scholarship last Friday.
   A. received
   B. has received
   C. had received
   D. has been receiving

3. He claimed he has never seen her, but I know that he _____.
   A. did
   B. has
   C. has been
   D. will have been

4. Jane: Have you booked a holiday yet for this year?
   Mia : Yes, we_____ a cruise around the Caribbean in November.
   A. take
   B. will take
   C. are taking
   D. will have taken

5. Unfortunately for us, we _____ on the wrong side of Miami when Hurricane Andrew _____ the city.
   A. lived ; had hit
   B. had lived ; hit
   C. were living ; hit
   D. had been living ; hit

6. We often _____ meetings in the old manor house, which _____ on the same spot for over two hundred years.
   A. hold ; stood
   B. hold ; has stood
   C. are holding ; stood
   D. are holding ; has stood

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7. Anne Frank was a Jewish girl who _____ with her family in Armsterdam when the Germans _____ Holland in 1940.
   A. had lived ; invaded
   B. was living ; invaded
   C. was living ; has been invading
   D. had been living ; had been invading

8. According to Cambridge Online Dictionary, 'procrastinate' _____ to keep delaying something that must be done.
   A. meant
   B. means
   C. will mean
   D. has meant

9. Although entertainment forms such as film and television are western inventions, the Koreans _____ their own twists to these media by blending indignenous characteristics and adding their unique flourishes in innovative ways.
   A. provide
   B. are providing
   C. have provided
   D. have been providing

10. Robert Louis Stevenson, the author of *Treasure Island*, was a Scotsman born in Edinburgh in 1850. Although he _____ abroad for many years, in 1881 he _____ to the land of his birth for a holiday.
   A. lived ; returned
   B. had lived ; had returned
   C. had been living ; returned
   D. had been living ; had returned

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: For questions 11-20, identify the **CORRECT** answer based on the statements or rules given.

11. Which of the following tenses can be used to express **an action which began in the past and has just ended?**
   A. Past Perfect
   B. Present Perfect
   C. Past Perfect Progressive
   D. Present Perfect Progressive

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12. Which tense is used in the following statement?
"We've been helping her out for a few months," claimed Derek.
A. Future Progressive
B. Present Progressive
C. Future Perfect Progressive
D. Present Perfect Progressive

13. Which tense is **used in the dependent clause** of the following statement?
I didn't like them because they were always complaining.
A. Simple Past
B. Past Perfect
C. Past Progressive
D. Past Perfect Progressive

14.
- *Refers to an ongoing action that is expected to happen*
- *To talk about a continuous event that is expected to take place*

Which of the following tenses **BEST** matches the above explanations?
A. Simple Future
B. Simple Present
C. Future Progressive
D. Present Progressive

15. The _____ tense is used to express the duration of an action which began in the past and continues to the present.
A. Past Perfect
B. Future Perfect
C. Past Perfect Progressive
D. Present Perfect Progressive

16. The following tenses are used in the extract below **EXCEPT** _____.

In an open-air market in Turkey, a tourist is admiring the beautiful oriental rugs on display. She finds one she likes and asks for the price. "One thousand dollars," the vendor says. Knowing she shouldn't pay the full price, she says, "Six hundred!" "Nine hundred!" the vendor counters. No longer afterwards, both vendor and buyer agree on eight hundred dollars. Both vendor and customer are smiling happily. They've just participated in a ritual that has existed worldwide for centuries.

A. Simple Present
B. Present Perfect
C. Present Progressive
D. Present Perfect Progressive

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17. What does the following statement mean?
They've been touring Italy since last Thursday.
A. They are still touring Italy.
B. They are always touring in Italy.
C. They have finished touring Italy.
D. They are planning to tour Italy soon.

18. Which of the following sentences indicates **an idea which is always true**?
A. How many times have you visited Scotland?
B. Where do you think she will be studying after her foundation?
C. The tourists will visit the botanical garden after lunch tomorrow.
D. Alex was born in Kedah, and he stayed with his grandparents for eighteen years.

19. Which of the following statements expresses the idea that **an event happens before another time or event in the past**?
A. Rita watched her favourite Soap Opera last night.
B. Alice had already eaten when his relatives came over.
C. Derek was sleeping when his friend arrived to his house.
D. Muthu is going to play bowling with his friends next week.

20. Which of the following sentences shows **an action that will be completed before a certain time in the future?**
A. The plane arrives in Rome at 8.30 am.
B. We're going for a vacation in June this year.
C. He has been in Boston, but he will return home soon.
D. By the end of our trip, we'll have seen a lot of wonderful things.

(10 marks)

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Question III

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct form of tense. The verbs are given in the parentheses.

You can lose it!

The Asian health and fitness industry (change) **has changed (0)** so much over the last 20 years – from big gym chains offering bodybuilding and step aerobics classes to small, specialised training studios focusing on Pilates, yoga and functional training. Though the industry itself (evolve) _____ (1) so much, one factor has remained the same: nine out of 10 people that sign up for a programme tick the "weight loss" box in the goals category.

In 20 years of industry growth, it (appear) _____ (2) that we still have not found the solution to wholesale weight loss, a problem that is evidenced by the diet and nutrition industry too, as there (be) _____ (3) now over 100 different types of diets, each with their own bestselling book and promise of quick fat loss. In fact, since a decade ago, the growth of the health and fitness industry (go) _____ (4) hand in hand with a decline in general health and an increase in obesity and weight-related diseases like diabetes mellitus and heart disease.

In 2001, while the first big fitness chains (expand) _____ (5) throughout Asia, the World Health Organization (WHO) funded a study that found 20.7% of Malaysians were overweight, with 5.8% obese. Fifteen years later (and it's now in 2016), while the fitness industry (boom) _____ (6), overweight rates have soared to 47%, and the incidence of type 2 diabetes and heart disease-related deaths (increase) _____ (7) too. That is an incredible increase in obesity rates since the gym industry hit town.

It's a minefield out there, so let's step out and return to the science lab for the basics of fat loss. First, we are eating more sugar than we are able to burn off with exercise. This (force) _____ (8) the body to turn sugar into triglycerides, and store the excess fuel as fat. Next, we (eat) _____ (9) more processed foods nowadays that the liver is unable to neutralize and expel from the body. In this case, the fastest way to remove the toxins out of the blood is to store them in fat cells and wait for the liver to have enough time and energy to get around to processing the toxic backlog. When we (cleanse) _____ (10) the body or lose weight too fast, these toxins can get released back into the blood and overload the immune system, causing headaches, fatigue, nausea and other symptoms.

Adapted from Harkness, L. (March 27, 2016). You can lose it!
Retrieved from http://www.star2.com/living/viewpoints/2016/03/27/you-can-lose-it/

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Gilles Laurent, a Filmmaker with an Eye for Sounds, Dies in Brussels Attacks

Gilles Laurent, 46, a Belgian sound engineer and documentary filmmaker, (have) **had (0)** such an intimate connection with the noises of everyday life that his collaborators say he "looked" at sounds as if he was observing an object, a colour or a shape. "He did not only have an ear, but he also (hear) _____ (11) and looked at sounds like a Buddhist would," said Tom Heene, a filmmaker and friend from Brussels.

Alex Davidson, his long-time film collaborator, said Mr. Laurent had a humanistic but unsentimental approach to filmmaking that reflected his personality. Whether working on a Mexican art house film or documenting survivors of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, Mr. Laurent (prefer) _____ (12) the sounds in his films to enhance a moment rather than overwhelm a scene.

Mr. Laurent (live) _____ (13) with his wife, Raiko, in Tokyo when he went to Brussels to put the final touches on the documentary film, *The Abandoned Earth*, his directorial debut. "He (be) _____ (14) on his way to watch a final edit of the film when he was killed during the attack at *Maelbeek* subway station on March 22," Mr. Davidson said. *The Abandoned Earth* (focus) _____ (15) on *Tomioka*, a village of 15,000 people, living in the shadow of the Fukushima nuclear reactor. Most of the town's residents (decide) _____ (16) to leave the irradiated area. The quiet but obstinate determination of a man who has opted to stay behind, forms the centre of Mr. Laurent's film.

Friends said Mr. Laurent, back in his 30s, (escape) _____ (17) the rural confines of Bouillon and attended film school in Brussels, after traveling and working as a bartender. A restless *bon vivant* (a person who enjoys a sociable and luxurious lifestyle), he (travel) _____ (18) across South America, lived in Spain and had been a sound editor on projects that included modern dance recitals and a documentary about cartoonists from around the world. He (live) _____ (19) in Tokyo since he married Raiko. "He (be) _____ (20) supposed to be a simple guy from the deep south of Belgium, where you don't have much of a future unless you open your mind," Mr. Heene said.

Adapted from Bilefsky, D. (March 31, 2016). Gilles Laurent, a Filmmaker with an Eye for Sounds, Dies in Brussels Attacks. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/01/world/europe/gilles-laurent-a-filmmaker-with-an-eye-for-sounds-dies-in-brussels-attacks.html

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Question IV

Instructions: For questions 1 – 10, create **ONE** sentence using the verb in the form of tense stated below. The sentence must fulfill the usage or function of the required tense and the minimum number of words in each sentence is five. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in the sentence.

Example:

0. *begin (Simple Present Tense)*

*The aerobic session usually **begins** at 7 p.m. every Friday.*

1. remember (Simple Present Tense)
2. forget (Simple Past Tense)
3. quit (Simple Future Tense)
4. ring (Past Progressive)
5. travel (Future Progressive)
6. forgive (Present Perfect)
7. send (Past Perfect)
8. pay (Future Perfect)
9. wait (Past Perfect Progressive)
10. run (Future Perfect Progressive)

(10 marks)

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SECTION B: SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	2	are	is

Autism

What causes Autism? Not long ago, the answer to this question would have been "We have no idea." Research **are** now delivering the answers.

First and foremost, we now know that there is no one cause of autism just as there is no one type of autism. Over the last five years, not only doctors but also scientists has identified a number of rare gene changes, or mutations, associated with autism. A small number of these is sufficient to cause autism by themselves. Most cases of autism, however, appears to be caused by a combination of autism risk genes and environmental factors influencing early brain development.

In the presence of a genetic predisposition to autism, a number of non-genetic, or "environmental" stresses emerges to further increase a child's risk. The clearest evidence of these autism risk factors involve events before and during birth. These evidences includes advanced parental age at time of conception (both mom and dad), maternal illness during pregnancy and certain difficulties during birth, particularly those involving periods of oxygen deprivation to the baby's brain. It is important to keep in mind that these factors, by themselves, does not cause autism. Rather, in combination with genetic risk factors, they appear to modestly increase risk.

A growing body of research suggest that a woman can reduce her risk of having a child with autism by taking prenatal vitamins containing folic acid and/or eating a diet rich in folic acid (at least 600 mcg a day) during the months before and after conception.

Increasingly, researchers are looking at the role of the immune system in autism. As the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, Autism Speaks are working to increase awareness and investigation of these and other issues, where further research has the potential to improve the lives of those who struggles with autism.

Adapted from Autism Speaks (n.d.) Retrieved from https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism

(10 marks)

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Question II

Instructions: Using the words given in the box, fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb in **Simple Present Tense**. You are not allowed to repeat any of the options given.

realise	**be**	**speak**	**plan**	**jump**
be	**be**	**give**	**do**	**identify**

1. As diseases such as Ebola and MERS _____ from creatures to humans, we need to keep a closer eye on wildlife illnesses.
2. The new study also _____ the major sources of plastic debris and names the top twenty countries generating the greatest amount of ocean-bound trash.
3. One hundred dollars _____ sufficient for Kim to buy his Grammar textbook and stationery.
4. There _____ many complaints regarding the quality of water by the residents who has recently experienced water rationing.
5. Neither the driver nor the passengers _____ that they are being followed.
6. Trust and honesty, together with love, _____ the secrets to happiness.
7. What would you do if someone you do not know _____ you flowers?
8. Not only Mario and Ian, but also Harrison _____ to further their postgraduate studies at Multimedia University.
9. How _____ some animals make their own sunscreen?
10. The English _____ with an accent that is unlike the American accent.

(10 marks)

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